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## TITLE

Surgical stapling instrument incorporating a tapered firing bar for increased flexibility around the articulation joint

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